

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13P 21-0210 CARDIAC MONITORS AND ACCESSORIES FD MG

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with Zoll Medical Corporation for Cardiac Monitors and Accessories in the Amount Up to \$350,000.00 for a One Year Term for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a purchase agreement with Zoll Medical Corporation for cardiac monitors and accessories in an amount up to \$350,000.00 for a one year term for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department approached the Purchasing Division to assist in the purchase of Zoll heart monitors and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) accessories. In the past, the Fire Department has purchased Zoll heart monitors and AED accessories in order to be consistent with Medstar's medical platform. The heart monitors and AED's will be used with Emergency Management Services (EMS) and patient transport. Use of a compatible cardiac monitor and AED device will permit a seamless interface between Medstar and Fort Worth Fire in the training of personnel, collection of electronic patient data, transfer of care and resupply of defibrillation pads. These efficiencies may ultimately have a positive impact on patient outcomes. The Fire Department currently has approximately \$350,000.00 in 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds budgeted for the purchase of monitors. The deadline to place an order using UASI 2019 funds is October 31, 2021. The monitors and accessories must be received by December 31, 2021.

Purchasing Staff Issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) consisting of details and specifications to 17 related vendors. The bid was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on September 15, 2021, September 22, 2021 and September 29, 2021. The City received one response.

Staff evaluated the bid and recommends awarding a purchase agreement with Zoll Medical Corporation. No guarantee was made regarding the amount of these goods that would be purchased.

BUSINESS EQUITY - A waiver of the goal for MBE/WBE for subcontracting requirements was requested by the Purchasing Division and approved by the Business Equity Division, in accordance with the Business Equity Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

AGREEMENT TERMS - Upon City Council approval, the agreement shall begin upon execution of the agreement and shall end on September 30, 2022.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and authorize the purchase agreement. Prior to an expenditure being made, the Fire department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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